

ABSTRACT

[0041] A computer program of the type commonly known as a "wizard" is disclosed that initializes user interface software for controlling an audio conferencing device. The wizard allows the desired audio inputs (e.g., microphone, telephones, etc.) and audio outputs (speakers, recording devices, etc.) to be chosen by an audio system administrator. Thereafter, the wizard allows an audio conferencing device (or devices) to be chosen by the administrator, or allows such a device(s) to be optimally chosen dependent upon the chosen inputs and outputs. The wizard then maps the inputs and outputs to the input and output ports on the audio conferencing device, a step which again can be performed manually by the administrator or automatically by the wizard. After reviewing the mapping results, the administrator finishes the wizard, which computes the mapping parameters and other audio-optimizing parameters for the selected inputs and outputs. These parameters are then loaded into the user interface software, which saves the administrator the time and inconvenience of having to set up and optimize these parameters from scratch.